

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Final Office Action of January 13, 2003 has been received and contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-37 are currently pending; claims 1, 14, 25, and 37 are currently amended. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as being unpatentable over the combination of Maekawa (US Patent No. 6,066,547), Arai et al. (US Patent No. 5,576,222) and Seung-Ik Jun (Aepse '97) and/or Cristoloveanu et al. (SOI). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 14, 25, and 37 are allowable at least for the reasons that claims 1, 14, 25, and 37 recite a combination of features including wherein a low off current of about 3.72×10^{-13} A to about 6.5×10^{-11} A is obtained. None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least these features of the claims.

Moreover, claims 2-13, 15-24, and 26-36 are allowable by virtue of their dependence on claims 1, 14, 25, and 37, which are believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.


Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7371.

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